ROSYTH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 28 questions (Questions 1 to 28).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.**

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. The old man pointed to _____ the dustbin was.

   (1) when

   (2) which

   (3) whom

   (4) where

2. _____ much persuasion, my grandmother finally agreed to go on a holiday.

   (1) To

   (2) For

   (3) After

   (4) Even

3. If I had studied, I _____ my examination.

   (1) passed

   (2) will pass

   (3) have passed

   (4) would have passed

4. Madeline, together with her friends, _____ part in the singing competition before.

   (1) is taking

   (2) has taken

   (3) have taken

   (4) will be taking

5. The supervisor stands by the window, _____ at his workers.

   (1) look

   (2) looks

   (3) looked

   (4) looking

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6. The manager was asked to step _____ after he was caught stealing money from the store.

(1) in
(2) up
(3) off
(4) down

7. My sister prefers watching television _____ reading storybooks.

(1) to
(2) or
(3) for
(4) than

8. Thomas panicked when he saw a python slither _____ his path.

(1) over
(2) inside
(3) above
(4) across

9. We _____ busy unpacking ever since we moved into our new house last week.

(1) will be
(2) have been
(3) will have been
(4) would have been

10. Neither John nor his brothers _____ to play basketball.

(1) like
(2) likes
(3) has liked
(4) have liked

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For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. After the tiring game, we _____ for John, who was serving cold drinks.

(1) killed time

(2) made a beeline

(3) jumped the gun

(4) threw in the towel

12. Anthony is _____, daring to stand up against the bully.

(1) as fit as a fiddle

(2) as bold as brass

(3) as blind as a bat

(4) as agile as a monkey

13. The city streets are usually _____ with vehicles, especially during peak hours.

(1) stuffed

(2) crammed

(3) immersed

(4) congested

14. Leslie was _____ from the tennis tournament when he lost to his opponent in the semi-finals.

(1) fouled

(2) removed

(3) eliminated

(4) disqualified

15. I was _____ to accept her gift until my mother gave me a nod of approval and told me it was alright to take it.

(1) keen

(2) inclined

(3) hesitant

(4) opposed

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

I have many trophies. However, this particular trophy reminds me of how my mother's encouragement had gotten me to where I am today.
(16)

"You can do it! I know you can!" my mother cheered me up as I paced the stage in anxiety. I could not help but return her a weak smile. As I introduced myself to the judges, I spoke with pauses. Slowly breathing in and out, I closed my eyes
(17)
and started singing. As I sang, I could hear murmurs from the crowd and the judges. Every now and then, I opened my eyes to peek at the audience. I also looked at my mother. She was fully engrossed in my singing.
(18)

After the song, there was complete silence. Suddenly, a roaring applause
(19)
thundered across the whole auditorium. My heart raced as a little hope sparked inside me. I looked at the judges. They were wide-eyed with amazement.

"Wow..." one of them finally said. I heaved a sigh of relief. I walked down the
(20)
stage confidently, knowing that the judges were impressed with my performance.

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16. (1) belief
(2) support
(3) incentive
(4) enthusiasm

17. (1) uttered
(2) muttered
(3) whispered
(4) stammered

18. (1) won over
(2) involved in
(3) absorbed by
(4) occupied with

19. (1) frantic
(2) terrifying
(3) trembling
(4) deafening

20. (1) raised
(2) sniffed
(3) breathed
(4) swallowed

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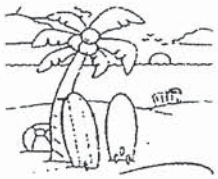
Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)
Study this poster carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Sands Beach Carnival 2019



Where Life Is A Beach!

1 - 30 June 2019



Head down to Sands Beach during the June holidays with your family for the sun, the sea and loads of fun-filled activities!



Daily Operating Hours

8 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Season Pass Holders
9 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Non-Season Pass Holders

Admission fees

Adult: $15 Child (3-12 years old): $10
*No admission fees for children below 3 years old



Family Season Pass Promotion*

If you sign up for the Family Season Pass at an additional $50, you are entitled to:

- unlimited admission to Sands Beach Carnival 2019
- discounted rates for all activities
- free parking for the first 2 hours

*First 150 people to purchase a Family Season Pass will receive a free beach ball.



Free Ice Cream and Popcorn!

Simply flash your admission ticket to redeem a free ice-cream and popcorn at our welcome booth!



Redemption is only valid with the original ticket.

Fun Photo Booth

Come dive into our giant inflatable play area and get your fun-tastic memory captured at the booth for free.

- Features a huge slide and trampoline
- Children below 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult
- Limited to 30 participants per one-hour session
- Limited to one photo per person



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Sandcastle Building

Learn from our sandcastle-building experts!



- Parents and children can have fun at our sandcastle-building activity.
- Limited to 20 participants per session, on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Each session lasts for 1 hour.
- Children below 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration fee:
$3 per person (Non-Season Pass Holders)
$1 per person (Season Pass Holder)

Picnic at Sunset





Want to have a picnic with a splendid beach view?
Book now at our website
www.sandsbeachcarnival2019.com.sg

Registration fee:
$5 per person (Non-Season Pass Holder)
$2 per person (Season Pass Holder)

Maximum of 6 people at each picnic area

Beach Volleyball Clinic



Want to learn more about beach volleyball? Your chance is here! Parent and child can learn how to serve and play with basic strokes in this session. On top of that, you will get to play in a parent-child friendly match! Parents are required to accompany their children.

Beach Frisbee Competition



Form a team of 5 players and register at the Sands Beach main ticketing booth from 20 May to 31 May 2019.
Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. LIMITED TO FIRST 30 TEAMS!

Registration fee:
$15 per person (Non-Season Pass Holder)
$8 per person (Season Pass Holder)

- Every participant will be given a jersey and fun pack.
- Participants must be aged 16 and above to join this competition.

Exciting prizes to be won!!!

For more information, please call Desmond at 6222 6789 or visit our website at www.sandsbeachcarnival2019.com.sg

Jointly Organised by:

Sands Beach Club

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For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. Sands Beach Carnival 2019 _____.

(1) encourages adults to take part

(2) allows families to have fun together

(3) caters to the interests of children only

(4) brings families closer through water activities

22. In order to receive a free beach ball, one should _____.

(1) park at Sands Beach

(2) purchase the Family Season Pass

(3) participate in all the carnival activities

(4) be the first 150 people to purchase the Family Season Pass

23. Which one of these statements about the Beach Frisbee Competition is true?

(1) All participants must purchase a jersey and funpack worth $15.

(2) The competition is held at the Sands Beach main ticketing booth.

(3) Everyone at the carnival will be able to participate in the competition.

(4) Only those aged 16 and above are allowed to participate in the competition.

24. The Fun Photo Booth _____.

(1) provides unlimited play time

(2) is open to adults and children

(3) enables people to take unlimited photo shoots

(4) can only be used by Family Season Pass holders

25. In this carnival, children will have the opportunity to _____.

(1) take part in the Beach Frisbee Competition

(2) redeem two scoops of ice-cream and a popcorn

(3) sign up for the sandcastle building activity for free

(4) learn how to play beach volleyball with their parents

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26. Ashley and her friends want to book a picnic area by the beach.
They should _____.

(1) book online

(2) call the organiser

(3) apply to be Season Pass-holders

(4) register at the Sands Beach main ticketing booth

27. Mr Chan is keen to register for an activity that allows him and his 8-year-old son to bond as well as engage in a healthy competition. He should sign up for _____.

(1) Picnic by the Sunset

(2) Beach Volleyball Clinic

(3) Beach Frisbee Competition

(4) Sandcastle-Building Activity

28. The Sands Beach Carnival _____.

(1) offers free food and activities for all visitors

(2) is organised only by Family for Life Singapore

(3) is sponsored by the National Youth Association

(4) is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for all visitors

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End of Booklet A

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BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:
1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	29 -50 66 - 70	
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

* This booklet consists of 9 pages altogether (including cover page).

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.
(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A)	a	**(D)**	can	**(G)**	hence	**(K)**	so	**(N)**	to
(B)	among	**(E)**	did	**(H)**	however	**(L)**	therefore	**(P)**	when
(C)	by	**(F)**	for	**(J)**	is	**(M)**	they	**(Q)**	who

An active child is a happier child and efforts must be stepped up to encourage young people to live a healthy and active life. Children and young people should take part in physical activity _____ (29) at least an hour every day.

"It's a really good stress reliever, especially _____ (30) there are exams," says one pupil _____ (31) is learning how to row in school through a programme run by _____ (32) youth group. The rowing coach, Oliver James, believes a culture of sports can be created _____ (33) that playing sports regularly _____ (34) seen as something that young people can do.

The results of a survey conducted showed that the type of activities children do changes as _____ (35) get older. Playing tag or climbing at a playground are popular _____ (36) younger age groups. However, older children tend to exercise less and severe obesity has caused many young people _____ (37) become weaker and less fit.

The health and well-being of our children is important. _____ (38), results show that what is currently being done to support them is not enough and change is required. Taking part in activities is crucial to ensure the good physical and mental health of children and young people.

Adapted from BBC News, 'One in three children not active enough'.

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39) [ ]

E-scooters may be fun, but are they safe? You might have experiansed a couple

(40) [ ] (41) [ ]

of close shaves with death durjng avoiding e-scooters zipping past you over the sidewalk. Thus, e-scooters are not really safe.

(42) [ ]

In recent years, e-scooters have swarmed Singapore's streets, bring along with them

(43) [ ]

a wave of scooter-related injurees and even deaths. Each week, about three accidents

(44) [ ]

involving e-scooters but other personal mobility devices (PMDs) happen in Singapore.

(45) [ ]

That is definitely way too much.

(46) [ ]

So why is e-scooters considered dangerous? Even at the e-scooter's legal speed

(47) [ ]

limit of 10km/h on footpaths, a colesion with an e-scooter creates a dangerous amount

(48) [ ]

of force. A pedastrain who is hit by the device could be very seriously wounded or even

(49) [ ]

die from the impact – with the elderly and young children being perticulerly at risk.

(50) [ ]

There is a high chance of a crash ocuring when a rider fails to slow down in time. This is because it takes time for e-scooters to slow down and come to a stop.

Adapted from Health Plus, Jan 2019

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Looking confused and frightened, the mother wolf backed away as I approached. She had been trapped for a few days. I suspected that _____ (51) I tried to release her, she would turn aggressive and tear me _____ (52) pieces. I decided to search for her pups instead.

After several moments, I spotted paw marks on a trail. The tracks _____ (53) me through the forest and up a rocky slope. I finally spotted a den. Knowing that wolf pups are shy and cautious, I began imitating the high-pitched squeak of a _____ (54) wolf calling her young. A few moments later, four tiny pups appeared before me.

I extended my hands and they suckled at my fingers. Perhaps hunger had helped them to _____ (55) their fear. Then, one by one, I placed the pups in a bag and headed back _____ (56) the slope.

When the mother wolf spotted me, she stood upright. She had possibly picked up the scent of her young so she let _____ (57) a high-pitched whine. I released the pups, and they raced to her. Within seconds, they were slurping at her belly.

The trapped mother wolf was clearly in pain but _____ (58) time I took a step towards her, I heard her growl. Now, with her _____ (59) to protect, she was becoming aggressive.

Over the next few days, I tried to win the wolf's trust. I talked gently with her and played with the pups. Little by _____ (60), I got closer although I was careful to remain a distance from her. She never _____ (61) her dark eyes off me.

Two days later, I brought her some deer meat. "Here's dinner," I said softly as I approached her. "Nothing to be afraid _____ (62)." Suddenly, the pups came running towards me. At least I had earned their trust. Then I thought I saw a slight wagging of her _____ (63). I moved nearer to her. Then I slowly _____ (64) my hand on the wolf's injured leg. Using my other hand, I applied pressure on the trap. It sprang open and the _____ (65) pulled free from the chain, whimpering. Then, she gathered her pups and vanished into the forest.

Adapted from Reader's Digest, May 1987

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s), using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in <u>one</u> sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Mrs Lim said, "Ali, you need to be punctual for your remedial lesson tomorrow."

Mrs Lim told Ali _____

_____

67. The students decided to start a toy donation drive. They wanted to help the less fortunate children.

_____

in order to _____

68. More car park lots will be constructed in the city, as well as near the train stations.

_____

and _____

69. You will not be allowed to enter the concert hall if you do not have a ticket.

Unless _____

_____

70. Mr Tan did not bring his camera with him. He could not take a snapshot of the beautiful sunset.

If Mr Tan had _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Seng thought of his son as he pedalled his trishaw. The child loved to paint but Seng could not afford to buy him even a box of paints. He knew that a box of paints would make his son very happy and even help him to become a great painter. He had been eyeing the box of paints in a particular shop.

Later that evening, the covered sidewalk leading to the shop was finally deserted. Seng quickly pedalled down the lane and parked his trishaw in the shadows. He could easily jump onto it and vanish once the mission had been accomplished. He picked up a stone and wrapped it in his handkerchief. His hands were trembling and his body had broken out into cold sweat.

The night was cool but his face was beaded with moisture. Perspiration trickled down his soiled shirt. Heavy with anxiety and coupled with a tinge of guilt, he walked cautiously back along the lane, turned the corner and stepped onto the sidewalk. The time had come.

There was no one around. Holding on tighter to the stone clenched in his right hand, Seng walked past the stationery shop, keeping close to the unlit window. Now he was in full view of the stationery in the display window, especially the paint-box with the street light shining down upon it. He gripped the stone. The muscles of his right arm tightened and swelled. He drew it slowly backwards as if he was ready to throw the stone. However, it did not leave his hand.

His throat began to feel swollen and he felt he was choking. The arm would no longer obey his will. He seemed to be paralysed. Why so? He had wanted that box of paints so badly for his son. This was the opportunity he had been waiting for but he could not go ahead with his plan. Suddenly, the shrill sound of a fire engine shattered the sleeping sidewalk into action. From the shop houses, heads appeared and voices called. The shop owners who lived in the shop houses had been awakened. The sound of the fire engine filled their ears. Then, it was gone as quickly as it had appeared. The fire engine tore down the street at lightning speed, leaving the helpless sobbing figure behind. The stone was still clutched in his nerveless fingers.

He hung his head low as he pedalled miserably towards home, feeling disappointed. He had wanted very much to get that box of paints for his child but he had failed. Suddenly, a thought struck him. "I've not failed. Indeed, I have made my son proud," he whispered to himself.

He realised that he had almost become a thief in his desire to see his son as a great painter. However, his judgement and conscience had not allowed it. The tinge of guilt which had gripped him earlier seemed to have vanished into thin air. He felt calm now and was at peace with himself. He understood that he might not have been able to buy his son that box of paints but at least, his child could honour him as a father. He slept soundly that night.

Adapted from 'Chinese Immigrants during Colonial Singapore'.

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71. Which three-word phrase in the **first paragraph** tells us that Seng was poor? [1m]

72. Which sentence from lines 5-19 tells us that the covered sidewalk had been very crowded? [1m]

73. Explain clearly, in your own words, what the writer means by 'The time had come.' (lines12-13). [2m]

_____

_____

74. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ The siren of the fire engine woke the shop owners up.

_____ Seng parked his trishaw in the shadows.

_____ Seng wrapped the stone in his handkerchief.

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75. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [4m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
him (line 2)	
moisture (line 10)	
it (line 18)	
figure (line 27)	

76. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is *True or False*, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
Seng's son was a great painter.		
Seng was going to use the stone to break into the shop.		
Seng was caught stealing.		

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77. Why do you think that Seng's arm would 'no longer obey his will' (lines 20-21)? [2m]

_____

_____

78. Explain why Seng hung his head low as he pedalled home (line 29). [2m]

_____

_____

79. Which two words best describe how Seng felt when the 'thought' (line 31) struck him on his way home? [2m]

relieved	☐	guilty	☐
courageous	☐	delighted	☐
fearful	☐	proud	☐

80. Why was Seng 'at peace with himself' (line 36)? [2m]

_____

_____

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	3	4	2	4	4	1	4	2	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	4	3	3	2	4	1	4	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
2	4	4	2	4	1	2	3		

BOOKLET B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
F	P	Q	A	K	J	M	B	N	H

Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44
experienced	while	on	bringing	injuries	and
Q45	Q46	Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50
many	are	collision	pedestrian	particularly	occurring
Q51	Q52	Q53	Q54	Q55	Q56
if	into	led	mother	overcome	down
Q57	Q58	Q59	Q60	Q61	Q62
out	each	pups	little	took	of
Q63	Q64	Q65			
tail	placed	wolf			

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Q69 Unless you have a ticket, you will not be allowed to enter the concert hall.

Q70 If Mr Tan had brought his camera with him, he could have taken a snapshot of the beautiful sunset.

Q71 could not afford

Q72 Later that evening, the covered sidewalk leading to the shop was finally deserted.

Q73 It means that it was the time for Seng to break the glass to get the box of paints for his son.

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Q74 3 The siren of the fire engine woke the shop owners up.

1 Seng parked his trishaw in the shadow.

2 Seng wrapped the stone in his handkerchief.

Q75 him (line 2) → Seng's son

moisture (line 10) → sweat

it (line 18) → Seng's right arm

figure (line 27) → Seng

Q76 a) False → Seng's son loved to paint. Seng wanted to buy him a box of paint and help him become a great painter.

b) True → He had picked up the stone and wrapped it in his hand kerchief to throw at the shop window.

c) False → He went home without stealing anything.

Q77 He could not carry out what he had planned and still held on to the stone

Q78 He was feeling disappointed as he could not give his son the box of paints.

Q79 relieved & delighted

Q80 He did not steal the box of paints so he did not feel guilty.

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